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ON A VENTRICULAR ASSIST

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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Rejection of November 1, 2005, and the Advisory Action dated February 23, 2006, please amend the above identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the claim summary which begins on page two of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.